

Please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an alarm clock, comprising the steps of:

receiving from a user via a network an identification of a date and time at which an alarm is desired by the user;

storing the received date and time; and

transmitting the date and time to a control module of the alarm clock via a network such that the control module can configure the alarm clock to sound the alarm at the desired date and time.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving an identification of a date and time comprises receiving the identification via a web site accessible over the Internet.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving and storing an indication of the type of alarm that is desired to be sounded.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the alarm comprises a sound that is stored within the alarm clock.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the alarm comprises audio data obtained from a database remote from the alarm clock.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of transmitting the audio data to the alarm clock.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of transmitting an identification of the location of the audio data to the alarm clock such that the alarm clock can retrieve the audio data.

8. (Currently amended) A system for controlling an alarm clock, comprising:

means for receiving from a user via a network an identification of a date and time at which an alarm is desired by the user;

means for storing the received date and time; and

means for transmitting the date and time to a control module of the alarm clock via a network such that the control module can configure the alarm clock to sound the alarm at the desired date and time.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the means for receiving an identification of a date and time comprises means for receiving the identification via a web site accessible over the Internet.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising means for transmitting audio data to the alarm clock via the network.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising means for transmitting an identification of a location of audio data to the alarm clock for retrieval by the alarm clock.

12. (Currently amended) A method for operating an alarm clock, comprising the steps of:

receiving an alarm schedule created by a user and sent from a remote location via a network;

storing the alarm schedule;

enabling the alarm schedule; and

emitting an alarm according to the alarm schedule.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving an alarm schedule comprises receiving an alarm schedule transmitted via the Internet.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of receiving audio data that has been ~~transmitting~~ transmitted to the alarm clock via the network.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of receiving an identification of the location of audio data and then retrieving the audio data via the network.

16. (Currently amended) A system for operating an alarm clock, comprising:

means for receiving an alarm schedule created by a user and sent from a remote location via a network;

means for storing the alarm schedule;

means for enabling the alarm schedule; and

means for emitting an alarm according to the alarm schedule.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for receiving audio data that has been ~~transmitting~~ transmitted to the alarm clock via the network.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising means for receiving an identification of the location of audio data and means for retrieving the audio data via the network.

19. (Currently amended) An alarm clock, comprising:
a processing device;
a memory;
at least one network interface device; and
a control module configured to receive alarm scheduling data generated by a user and sent by the user to the alarm clock from a remote location via a network.

20. (Original) The alarm clock of claim 19, wherein the control module is configured to receive audio data sent from the remote location via the network.

21. (Original) The alarm clock of claim 19, wherein the control module is configured to retrieve audio data via the network after receiving an identification as to the location of the audio data.

22. (Original) The alarm clock of claim 19, further comprising an embedded network server adapted to generate at least one network page with which an alarm can be scheduled by a user.

23. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein receiving an alarm schedule comprises receiving an alarm schedule entered by the user via a web site and transmitted to the alarm clock by the web site.

24. (New) The alarm clock of claim 19, wherein the control module is configured to receive the alarm scheduling data from a web site at which the user made programming selections.